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MEMORANDUM FOR: Coordinator for Academic Relations

FROM : Associate Coordinator for Academic Relations

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1. [redacted] as we know, is quite antiquated and ignored. I have been unable to find anyone in DDO for instance, who can tell me how that directorate has carried out its reporting responsibilities as outlined in the regulation. Even senior officers in the DDO front office have admitted that either DDO has never reported or its records have been lost. My suspicion is that the truth is quite close to the former. That most likely being the case, the committee you chair should attempt to define as explicitly as possible the types of external research that ought to be exempted; sift the legal grounds for self-exemption ("...to protect sources and methods") and be sure they are solid; inform the Secretary of State of the CIA position; and be sure that the revised regs are elevated in the bureaucratic conscience so that they will no longer be flaunted.

2. I suspect that DDO will not amenablely collaborate in this or any other effort designed more fully to disclose Agency activities. They probably will insist that they retain unilateral authority to report, exempt, and keep all records on any type of external research they deem sensitive. DDS&T, and particularly ORD, can also be expected to resist centralization of authority and greater disclosure in these affairs. The reporting methods they have followed till now are as evanescent as DDO's.

3. I recommend that you assert this staff's prerogative for acting as the CIA agent in these matters. Your authority is based in the first instance on Walsh's memorandum to Hal Saunders in which he named you (and alternately, me) as the CIA representatives. You of course, derive additional authority to assert this role from your double role as the NFAC Academic Coordinator and Admiral Turner's Agency-wide academic relations point man.

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4. Thus, I recommend that the revised vest authority in this staff for review, clearance, and coordinating with State of all CIA external research covered by relevant presidential and NSC directives. As long as that is explicitly stated in the reg, you may leave it up to each of the other directorates to work out its own internal guidelines governing how their subordinate components will comply. STAT

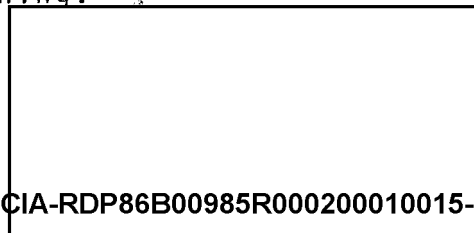
5. Definitions will be an important part of the new reg. "Foreign affairs external research" should be defined as fully and coherently as possible, even if it rather rambles. The types of technical and military research that are included or not should be spelled out. The current reg states that "in house research" is not included. Questions have arisen, however, about whether MATHTECH (Analytical Support Center) research is internal or external. The Procedures Section of the reg probably requires the least revision, though it needs to be brought up to date and expanded.

6. I think you are correct, that it would be best to bring a redraft of the reg to the first or second meeting of your group so that there is something tangible to work with. Mal should forward a reading folder to the members of the committee a week or so in advance of your first meeting, providing them copies of the State, NSC, and presidential directives, the Walsh memo, your memo to the DCI (showing his approval), as it now is, and anything else that may relate. will be a great help in all the legal modalities. Once you have a draft reg that is generally agreed on and viable from your point of view, you should then coordinate it with Walsh and the NFAC chieftains (particularly the offices that will be most affected). STAT

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7. The toughest questions are high level policy ones. Who will have authority for exempting in order to protect sources and methods? Two of the Deputy Directors presently have it, but perhaps it ought to be the DDCI in the future. If that turns out to be the case, directorates may well argue that they should be able to go directly to him with their pleas, rather than send everything here first. That would be a reasonable argument of course, but at the minimum you should insist that this staff get information copies of everything.

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